

GEORGETOWN GAS WINS POINT OVER LEITER'S COMPANY

**Accomplishes Remarkable Feat in Cleaning
Condenser Without Inconvenience
to Customers.**

ASKED TO PAY BIG PRICE TO SECURE ACCOMMODATION

But that isn't the story. The curious circumstances that made necessary for the Georgetown company to do such an unprecedented thing have provided an illustration of the methods by which the Washington Gas Company carries on its warfare for control of the lighting industry in this city. The Georgetown people "put one over," a rather big one, on the Washington company, and President Leiter, of the latter corporation, failed in a clever scheme by which he attempted to get control of his smaller rival.

SOME CORPORATE HISTORY.

To go back a little into corporate history. The Georgetown company used to be simply an adjunct of the Washington. The latter owned, and still owns, a majority of stock in the Georgetown. But several years ago the two came to the parting of the ways. There was a quarrel. A board hostile to the Washington company came into management of the Georgetown concern.

It looked up the language of charters, talked to its lawyers, and announced the conclusion that the Washington company had no right to own any stock in the Georgetown. The decision was that no dividends should be paid on those Georgetown shares which the Washington owned, and none has been paid since that time.

There are few things the Washington Gas Company likes better than dividends, and it received with pain and anguish this defiance of the small rival. Other stockholders in the Georgetown company got their dividends with regularity and precision, but the big Washington Gas Company was privileged to whistle for its share.

That was bad; but it wasn't all. The Washington Gas Company, in the good old days of amity and complete monopoly, used to explain that it would go broke if it couldn't have a dollar a thousand for gas. The Georgetown company, being a smaller concern, was permitted to collect \$1.25. After a time, reductions were extorted from the Washington company, which finally got the price down to 85 cents.

MADE UNSOLICITED REDUCTION.

Nobody compelled it to do so. It might have been a company that was getting a considerable higher price than the Washington. But, instead, it dropped to 50 cents, and smashed the arguments of the big Washington company about the ruin that would ensue from reduced prices. The Washington company was the only one that was not as the other, and does it in an area

But a change had come over the spirit of the Rosalys. The company's dreams had been shattered. The Washington report says, it had been approached "on emissary of the Washington company," and had been told that the impossibility of helping out the Georgetown company. The upshot was that the Rosalys had been offered a proposition, to the effect that wouldn't sell any gas at all unless the Washington company would pay the amount that was needed, and other terms that made the thing impossible.

Then the Condenser Incident.

When the incident of the condenser getting filled up with carbon. When this condition arises, as it is bound to do at intervals in the process of making gas, it is necessary to demolish the entire retort, take out the lining of fire bricks, replace them with

new ones. It was theoretically impossible to do this without cooling down the condenser and that meant shutting off the manufacture of gas from somewhere between twelve and twenty-

DYNAMITE BOMB EXPLODES IN HOTEL

Five Men Thrown From Chairs and Others Hurt By Flying Debris.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Oct. 30.—Mystery surrounds the attempted destruction of the Hotel Almond here early today with

Five men sitting in the pool room of

Reason for the attempt to wreck the

building, according to the proprietors, is found in the rage of five men who were ejected about 1 o'clock because of their behavior. The police are investigating.

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